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<u>REMARKS</u>

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested. Claim 1 has been amended. New claim 25 has been added. Support for the amendment and the new claim can be found throughout the application, specifically at page 11, lines 1-24. Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1-20 and 25 will be pending, of which claims 1 is independent.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections:

Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement and for lack of enablement. The Applicants submit that the above amendment fully remedies these rejections. Specifically, the claims are amended are supported in the specification at least at page 11, lines 1-24 and are enabled by the Examples. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112 and request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

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Conclusion

As all rejections have been addressed and overcome, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition of allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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